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METHOD FOR CUTTING UNDERSEA PIPELINE TO LENGTH

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### <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed June 14, 2007, an RCE is being filed along with a petition for extension of time, and this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2006. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

# CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

# **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

- 1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
- 2. X If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
- 3. X If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
- 4. X If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.